

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract at page 61, line 2 as follows:

A ~~conductive~~ conductive-contact holder base (11) including a second opening (9) for accommodating a ground conductive-contact (16) is provided. An inner surface of a first opening (8) and a signal conductive-contact (15) are electrically insulated, an inner surface of a third opening (10) and a power-supply conductive-contact (17) are electrically insulated, and an inner surface of the second opening (9) makes a direct contact with a peripheral surface of the ground conductive-contact (16). With this configuration, a ground potential can be supplied to the ground conductive-contact (16) from the holder base (11), making it possible to supply a stable ground potential to a semiconductor integrated circuit under operating accommodates at least a signal conductive-contact that is a conductive contact for performing input and output of a signal for a predetermined circuit configuration and a ground conductive-contact that is a conductive contact for supplying a ground potential to the predetermined circuit configuration. A holder base is formed of a conductive material, including a first opening for accommodating the signal conductive-contact; and a second opening for accommodating the ground conductive-contact while maintaining an electrical connection with the ground conductive-contact. An insulating member covers an inner surface of the first opening.